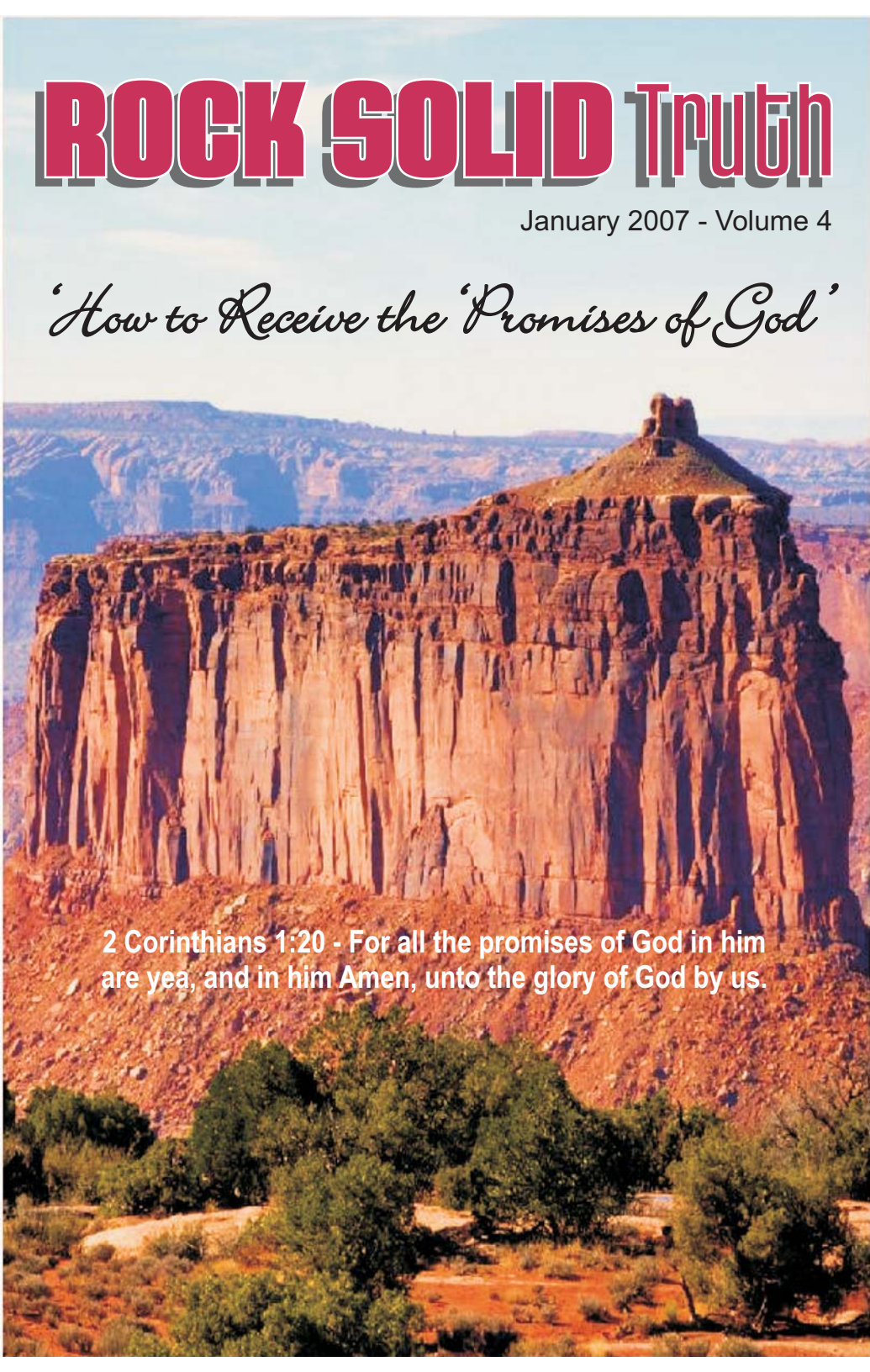


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2 Corinthians 1:20 - For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

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Part 4 in the Series

Romans 14:23 (KJV)

And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

A) Revelation Knowledge

In the last issue of Rock Solid Truth (part 3) I brought to you some awesome and even extraordinary revelations concerning the promises of God and their application in your life. As children of God, we are taught to see through faith, the availability of all that God has given you through his son the Lord Jesus Christ according to his divine nature.

2 Peter 1:3 (KJV)

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

The promises of God are readily available to anyone who would simply believe and begin to walk in them. Joy, supernatural joy, and eager anticipation flood over me whenever I think about the abundant blessings that we receive by simply coming into the knowledge of him and all that he has already appropriated for us in Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (KJV)

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Though we do not see nor participate in all of them at the present, it does not mean that these promises do not already exist in us in fullness. It also does not imply that God is purposely withholding any good gift from his children, or that he favors one of his children over another. It is not God's way. These scriptures reveal the truth to you about this matter.

Luke 12:32 (KJV)

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Luke 12:32 (NIV)

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.

Again, we have come into the wonderful revelation concerning the word of God and that word is that God wants to bless and prosper every born again child of God. That is awesome. See for yourself.

3 John 1:2 (KJV)

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

The Lord calls you 'beloved'. The Greek word for beloved is *agapetos* and it means you are esteemed as a favorite.

"I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health." How can we misunderstand his meaning? God speaks plainly friends. He does not speak in mysteries as many would believe. Revelation exposes mysteries, and God desires that his children know all things. These things are given unto us *through revelation* because we are precious to him.

Mattews 13:10-11 (KJV)

10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

*11 He answered and said unto them, Because **it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.***

B) Prosperity Defined

What is the biblical definition of prosperity?

It means that your every need is met and that you have enough to help meet the needs of others. So Christian, why would the Lord want to bless and prosper you? **Prosperity is the inheritance of those who are redeemed in Christ through his death - 'blood bought'**, and follow after the living God. It is the covenant that exists between God and you. The reality of this covenant is that it rightfully belongs to you and has been provided. It's full provision already is established for you. It is you that activates these promises when you release faith to receive. You can never have faith beyond your knowledge of what God has provided. Knowledge is gained through hearing. The Holy Spirit quickens us.

with the end result of understanding. Understanding works with faith and the result is the appropriation of that which is believed for.

1 King 17:8-16 (KJV)

And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

In this scripture Elijah has just prophesied to Ahab and declared that there will be no rain nor dew for three years in the land of Canaan. Elijah, in fact, declared a drought. God sends him to a city called Zarephath where God has commanded a widow woman to sustain him, but the woman knows nothing about it.

In reality, when our faith is going to be tested, we usually aren't aware of it. As children of God, we are usually brought to such a place of testing (*the drought*) and subjected to further testing (*preparing the last of her meal as a cake for a stranger*). It is in this place of testing that we are given a word and that word (*promise*) is meant to sustain us.

Mark 4:1-2 (KJV)

And he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was

gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.

And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,

In this experience, Christ taught the disciples the word of God in parables throughout the day. At the close of the day he gave them a word which was meant to sustain them through a trial that was about to come upon them. At that time they didn't realize any potential difficulties.

Mark 4:35 (KJV)

*And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, **Let us pass over unto the other side.***

A storm came upon them that night to test what they had learned throughout the day with Christ.

Mark 4:37 (KJV)

And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

So it was with this widow woman. She was gathering sticks to build a fire so she could prepare her last bit of meal and oil for her and her son to eat. Afterwards they fully expected to "**lay down and die**", to literally starve to death because the famine was so great in the land. Apart from divine intervention there was zero hope for this woman and her son. Surely she had thought the God of Israel had forsaken them. But that was far from the truth. It was testing time.

In the midst of her great desperation and of the severity of the drought and famine, she was about to receive a word, from the most unlikely of sources. This word would be the answer to her heart's cry and would take her to the other side of her family's desperate need, victoriously. It would sustain her while the terrible famine and drought raged all around her. This testing seemed as severe as it could ever have gotten.

As the man of God walks into the city of Zarephath he encountered this widow woman as she gathered her sticks. God's divine intervention was now at hand, the word of promise near. Elijah was sent purposely by God for the sake of this very woman. The paths of these individuals would intersect at the perfect timing of God.

The word was spoken. “Go and fetch me some water that I may drink and bring me a morsel of bread that I may eat,” Elijah said to the woman. Many Christians would cry foul at such a request. “How could this man request such a thing from this poor woman?” they would say. The things that are essential for her and her son to live on, even the very last of it, is exactly what he now wants her to give to him!

It is important to understand that the ways of God are not the ways of man, nor in line with man’s thinking. God wants to take us through, but man, because of the severity of the testing, wants to stop short. This is a natural reaction for man, and God understands that. But he also understands something far greater. While man is thinking about the troubles and how to escape them, God is thinking ahead to victory over this trial and all successive difficulties that are yet to come in this person’s life.

Let me give you instruction according to the word of God. It does not matter how poor you are, or what you feel you lack, or even the distressful and finality of the situation that you find yourself in. What God is interested in is your willingness to trust him in the matters that seem hopeless to you and the degree that you are willing to trust him in that hopeless place.

Because of his great love for her, as his daughter, he was unwilling to let her consume this last bit of meal and oil upon her own lust. The request of Elijah was really the request of God. It could have been stated differently saying, “The last that you have you cannot have for yourself, to fulfill your wants, it must be a gift to me.”

Do you honestly think Elijah was so insensitive to the woman’s needs, that he cared nothing for her, especially at the point of impending death? Elijah was a wise prophet of God. He understood the ways of God. He was teaching this woman how to trust the God she’d been serving for far greater things.

Proverbs 11:24 (KJV)

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

That which you hold on to tends to poverty, while that which you release increases. This is the same in all areas of your life, even your finances. As this widow submits to the word of the prophet and does what is asked of her, she learns this powerful truth.

Why does she submit? Because she is a child of God and knowing in her heart that Elijah is God’s representative, she makes a faith connection with God through Elijah. She gives up all that she has in obedience, not understanding, but trusting in a faithful God of promise, covenant promise. She gave and there was increase. The lack was gone and the bounty of God was released to her. Her bounty overflowed, supporting the prophet, her and her son during the entire famine.

This is the place where everything within you screams “Don’t let it go, don’t give it away, keep it for yourselves, it’s your last meal, it’s all you have before you die. Natural man thinks it is foolish to give it away, but the word of God says, “give it.” If you keep it, it tends to poverty, give it and it will increase. A promise or a hoax? Certainly, there are very few preachers speaking these words from their pulpits. Their members have little difficulty giving out of their excess, but out of their poverty, I doubt it.

For three years the oil and the meal never diminished. Every morning this widow woman got up, first making the man of God his cake. She would give it to God through the prophet first and then she would prepare a meal for her and her son. The oil and the meal sustained the prophet of God and family for three long years.

Proverbs 11:25 (KJV)

The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

What a tremendous example of giving through faith and receiving the bountifulness of God. This scripture describes the two types of attitudes in giving.

2 Corinthians 9:6 (KJV)

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

This is very important. I firmly believe that this scripture is relating to percentage giving. What I am giving here is for your benefit. I am not giving you this word so that you will increase your tithe, or that you’ll send in more money to this ministry. This is a firm, and foundational biblical teaching that God wants all of his children to understand. If there is a benefit, it is to those who will adhere to the promises of God. The scriptures are plain enough.

I find great displeasure in ministries that give false teaching so that they can line their pockets and live outlandishly at their congregation's expense. The reason that I am teaching on this subject is so you will understand the wisdom of God concerning his promises for financial prosperity to those who will hear. All of God's promises, properly applied, bring an increase in your life.

I do not believe that 2 Cor 9:6 is speaking about the abundance that you have, but rather it's to the percentage of what you give. As an example, a man that has \$50,000.00 but gives \$1,000.00 (2%) is going to be classified as sowing sparingly, but another man that has a \$1,000.00 but cheerfully gives \$500 (50%) is the one the Lord identifies as sowing bountifully. He will receive a much greater increase than the one mentioned prior.

The word of God is telling that what we give, relative to what we have is a clear indicator of whether we are sowing sparingly or bountifully. You'll know too. Two percent giving is far less than what even the law demanded in the old testament of God's people, but the 50% example of giving, shown above, is clearly a New Testament approach to proper giving. It is from the heart of the individual, not out of necessity, but simply out of a genuine love for God. To them, nothing is to be withheld. Joy floods over them at the very thought and opportunity of giving. They honestly look forward to giving. Can you imagine such a thing? There are people who **want** to give and with such purpose and pleasure in their hearts, so as to dig deep into their resources to give as much as they can. How can God not be pleased, knowing that he found someone with whom he can pour his generosity through. God is blessed, and glorified to use such people. These people put God to the test and God responds with joy in fulfilling his word to them.

We have been taught that God expects the tithe and I believe he does. But according to scripture God instituted the tithe to give us a starting place, a place of beginning, that we might learn his principle of faithfulness. The tithe is not the end. It is the beginning. Many wish to dwell at the place of the tithe, and miss out on far greater prosperity in their lives. God speaks plainly about the place of prosperity that he desires for each of us. He desires abundance and not lack, that there might be sufficient in the house of God. The tithe will never take you to the place of abundance. It can't. Only a genuine giving heart can take you to this place.

I no longer believe that God looks down upon the tithe in our lives and finds any pleasure with that type of giving. God does not look

at the tithe as the New Testament standard for pleasing him. When he gave us Christ, he gave us all he had and far more than anything that we could ever give him in return. And yet we think that our offerings somehow bring him untold pleasure. God looks at what remains, or what is left after you have given and that's what pleases him. The following scripture tell the story of a pleased God.

Mark 12:41-44 (KJV)

And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.

And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.

And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:

For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

This is for your instruction. Let your hearts be filled with its truth.

Jesus sat over against the treasury, and observed how the people cast money into the treasury, and gave their offerings. It said that many that were rich, and out of their wealth cast in much, or what seemed to the human understanding to be much. Just at that point a very poor widow woman came, and I might suggest humbly. She quickly deposited her sacrificial offering.

It was such an important teaching that Jesus called the disciples over to witness the event. The scripture is worth repeating.

Mark 12:43-44 (KJV)

And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:

For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

Why did Christ say that she gave more when to the eyes of the disciples, and even our own understanding today, that it was apparent that she did not? It's simple actually. Christ saw her heart in her giving, and knew that it resulted in a total sacrifice of all that she had. Nothing lay in reserve. She had to lean on God for her next meal, and everything else. She had give 100% of all that she

possessed and it was accounted to her from the percentage of what she had left, “*even all her living*”, and the Lord was pleased.

God knows what you give and what you have left over after you give. It will be to that percentage that glorifies God. It is this place when self steps aside and faith begins. Faith appropriates the bounty of God. This widow knew it. So can you.

There is a longing in God’s heart for all of his children to enjoy what he laid up for them. Possessing it in faith brings him great pleasure.

C. Self Test

Let’s see where we stand, both you and I. Get a piece of paper and list the following.

- 1) List your assets.
- 2) List your income, what you make. Gross dollars, not the net amount.
- 3) List additional sources of income.

Now, divide your total giving by the total amount listed above. This will give you the percentage gift that you give in the offering plate, or to ministry.

Remember, the tithe is not of faith, the tithe is a command by the standards of the law. You have to go beyond that type of giving if you are to enter by faith into the fullness that God has stored up to them that give ‘sacrificially.’ Only faith can take you to that level. Man simply cannot do it himself. If he tries, it only results in minimal giving. For anything that is not of faith is sin.

Romans 14:23 (KJV)

And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

You have to come to the place of believing before you enter into this place of giving. In the midst of scattering you have to believe for increase, because on the outside it appears you are diminishing. Believe for increase. It is God’s perfect way.

The question arises. . . How much should we give? As you purpose in your heart give out of what you have. If you have thousands, give out of what you have. If you have pennies give out of what you have. You can’t give out of what does not belong to you.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (KJV)

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

In closing, I would sincerely like to hear how God has blest you and ministered to you through these extraordinary messages of liberty in your finances. We want to share with you the joy that this freedom brings. Please send us a brief testimony of what your experience has been. We will use as many testimonies as space will permit in our upcoming newsletters. Our space is often limited, so we may need to edit your testimonies to fit.

May God bless you as you reap the rewards of his faithfulness.

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The enemy of God is your enemy too. His purpose is to spew out lies

to you that will cause you to cower behind the rocks like the children of Israel did when confronted by Goliath. Instead of cowering we should find the ranting of the giants in our lives just as offensive and repugnant as did David when he heard what this “uncircumcised Philistine” was boasting.

What about the giants in your life? Do you seek to kill and destroy those things which rise above you and cause you to hide and cower? Is your life a continual struggle? Are you constantly trying to reclaim or rebuild what these giants have stripped from you? Do they scream lies at you and boast of their greatness over you as Goliath did? What then, if anything, can you do about it?

The enemy is effective when you hide. Having to rebuild seems easier than confronting that ugly thing. Satan has come to conquer and destroy you, so there will be no rest until it is dealt with.

The scripture tells us that Goliath stood upon a mountain and proclaimed his strength over the nation of Israel and further boasted what he was going to do to the army of the living God. He was certainly a problem for Israel, that is, until David showed up.

Hear me friends. . .

Everyone has problems, troubles and goes through a multitude of trials. Like Goliath, they seem so much bigger than our capacity to do anything about them. Sometimes they overwhelm us and loom over us constantly, until we deal with them. Like the Army of Israel, we find ourselves intimidated by what we see and hear. What we really need is get the same revelation that David did. He saw God’s ability to prevail over Goliath and so must we over our circumstances. Surely we can’t do it alone. We need God’s help, just as David needed him.

This series teaches you who you really are in Christ, but more importantly, who he is in you. The Word of God teaches you and helps you understand that no lie can stand in the presence of Almighty God working in you. He made you a David – ‘a conqueror.’

Who lives inside of you? God does! He will reveal the truth that you are more than a conqueror through him (Christ) and that he loves you.

Radio - Television - Newsletter - Internet

Rock Solid Truth started in our hearts over 18 years ago. This is no new thing, it has developed, or as we like to say “percolating” for a

very long time. Through the years it has taken many forms, but we never lost hope. Our hearts always knew that it would be in God’s timing that the perfection of what he wanted to accomplish would rise to the surface, and it is. What you see today as ROCK SOLID TRUTH is the culmination of all those experiences. Our longing is the same longing that Joseph experienced as he was waiting on the Lord through all of the dark times to complete the vision. He never wavered, nor have we. Our reward is yet before us, and we glorify God that he has counted us worthy. Is ROCK SOLID TRUTH a completed work? Is it finished? Have we arrived? No. But we hasten on to the prize that is before us, thankful to be used of God in this hour. Sir Winston Churchill said it best, when during the hard times of World War II, proclaimed to his nation, “that this shall be our finest hour.”

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We are very thankful to our friends at iRapture.com, who are the webmasters of our site. They have made our web site a true work of art. The site will be updated frequently, with changes made as the ministry grows. It will eventually have the capabilities for viewers to purchase merchandise on line, in a fully functional e-commerce environment.

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As a ministry, Rock Solid Truth has but one transcending purpose, and that is to help the spiritually hungry, emotionally, and physically hurting, and those disillusioned by religion. It is a tremendous undertaking and a great challenge, but we serve a victorious and overcoming God. Our message is simply 'his message.' It is not a new message; thank goodness no. It is simply the old, old story that Christ taught while here on this earth some 2000 years ago and still, by us, today - to those who would have their minds renewed by his Holy Spirit, to know the truth that makes people free.

Our message is the 'Too Good to Be True, Good News' Gospel that sets at liberty the captive, by breaking the bonds of false religious teaching and training. God would not have us ignorant brethren, but that we know that deliverance, understanding, and healing, and intimacy, has come through his precious word. Death is swallowed up in victory. This victory is not for a few only, but to all who come

to the water and drink.

Does the fire of his everlasting truths burn within you, when you hear these words of life? Then the Holy Spirit has done his work and we rejoice with you.

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